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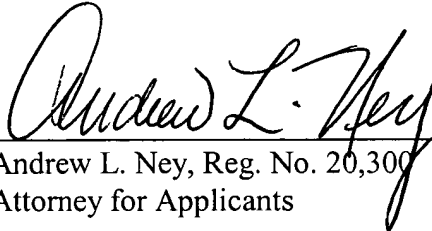
References 10-134534, 10-269732, 10-293979 and 03-152775 are not in the English language, but an English abstract thereof is attached to the copy of the reference submitted herewith.

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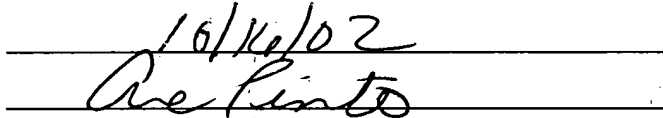
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